

**Service Committee  
September 15, 2008  
5:45 PM  
Minutes**

**Call to order:** Mr. Paini called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call:** Present for roll call were Mr. Paini (Chair), Mrs. Turner and Dr. Bender. Also in attendance was Mayor Ebert, Steve Smith (WWTP), Bill Sims (Const. Svcs), Matt Peoples (Public Works), Dick Miller (Urban Forester), Joe Taylor (WTP) and Ed Snyder (Streets).

Mrs. Turner moved to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2008 Service Committee Meeting, seconded by Dr. Bender.

**VOTE:**       **AYES:**       Mr. Paini, Mrs. Turner, Dr. Bender  
                 **NAYS:**  
                                Motion Carried.

**Staff Reports:**

**Bill Sims** – The roadway work is completed on Columbus Street. There are still the traffic signal and street light installations to be done. The electrical contractor is expected to begin work on those this week, with an estimated completion date by the end of September.

Dr. Bender asked what type of feedback he has been receiving. Mr. Sims stated that it has been very good feedback on the pervious concrete and the bump-outs. Problems of the homeowners have been fixed and the response is positive. Dr. Bender and Mrs. Turner said that the road turned out very nicely.

Mrs. Turner asked if there were going to be street lights at the east end of Waterloo. She said there have been complaints that it is really dark. Mr. Sims stated that it is something that can be looked into.

The Interurban project will have bid openings this Friday and anticipate coming to Council on Oct 6<sup>th</sup> for the awarding of the contract. They will be looking for a sponsor for that.

The bike path project has been released into the construction division of ODOT with a sale date of December 10<sup>th</sup>. It is generally 2-3 months before the contract is awarded so Spring 2009 will see the construction begin on the project. Our check for 20% will have to be cut by December 1<sup>st</sup>, so legislation for the final approval of the bike path will be coming in front of Council.

**Matt Peoples** - Preliminary screening for the Boehkoff property was completed for the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund. There is 4 ½ million dollars available and there are 9 million dollars being requested.

The Gender Road Phase 1 improvements are also going to be involved in a very competitive process for the grant money. We will have more information about it at the end of the year.

Mrs. Turner asked what the possibilities were for a left turn lane coming from Kroger to NB Gender. Mr. Peoples stated that it will not accommodate a left turn lane at that point and that was a decision made by ODOT. It is simply too close to the off ramp light from 33.

**Ed Snyder** – We are working on leaf machine and leaf boxes in preparation for fall leaf pick-up. At the current time, we are busy with storm clean up. Debris will be picked up curbside until Tuesday. Limbs and branches must be 6” in diameter or less.

Repair work on Liberty Street from the water line break will occur this week. Mr. Ables is off on sick leave at least until the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month.

Salt prices have come in. Last year we paid \$46/ton and this year the lowest quote is \$149/ton. If we enter into an agreement with this company, we will be obligated to buy 600 tons. Last year we used around 800 tons.

**Dick Miller** – Several trees were lost in the wind storm over the weekend. At 52 Fairfield, there is a tree on several lines, South Central is aware of the problem.

Ash replacement planting is coming up. It will include 7 trees. 22 trees will be planted on W. Columbus Street. The hanging baskets sustained considerable damage in the storm and will be coming down in the next week.

**Joe Taylor** – See written report. The second round of water quality sampling was completed and we are waiting on results from the EPA.

Fire hydrant flushing is about 75% complete.

Stradley Park fountain has not been working for about a week. We are waiting to find a motor for it and then it will be winterized for the upcoming season.

Storm damage to the water treatment plant was minimal.

**Steve Smith** – The new roof held up in the storm. There were no customer service or environmental issues. A pump and pump station incurred \$2000 damage and a variable frequency drive will have to be serviced at a minimum cost of \$250, up to \$3600 if it needs to be rebuilt. The auto valve is in and we are waiting for it to be finalized with the software.

A 30 notice has been sent to Mr. Vlack, as it has been since June 10<sup>th</sup> and there has been no work done on the service line.

**Engineer's Report:** See written report.

**Pended Items:** None

**New Items for Discussion:**

### **08-28 Fall Municipal Tree Planting**

Bids were accepted last Friday for 150 trees and 1500 ft of split rail fencing on three locations. Mr. Peoples read through a written report of the bids and errors that were contained within the bids of the apparent low bidders. Recommendation will be to award the contract to Winchester Landscape and Gardens. That will require an emergency ordinance to get the project started and keep within the time frame for the price quote. Dr. Bender will sponsor that legislation.

**08-29 Snow Removal Policy**

Mr. Peoples stated that the new salt policy but us in the situation where we have to order a minimum amount of salt no matter the weather. The old policy was that we only salt the intersections. If it comes down to salt not being available, we may have to revert to that policy. The brine truck will be used more often this year and we are looking into equipping another truck to lay brine this winter.

**08-30 Sludge Press Update**

December 3<sup>rd</sup> is our delivery date. The storage building has to have partial completion prior to that. The pad on which the equipment will be set must be complete. Bids for that will be advertised on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September, bid opening on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October and the emergency legislation will come before Council on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October to begin the construction. It will need a sponsor at that time.

**Old/New Business:** None at this time.

**Adjournment**

Dr. Bender moved to adjourn this meeting of the Service Committee, seconded by Mrs. Turner.

**VOTE:**       **AYES:** Mr. Paini, Dr. Bender, Mrs. Turner

**NAYS:**

Motion carried.

Time out 6:26pm